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SUBJECT: MEETING OF ENLARGED BUREAU OF INDUSTRY  
COMMITTEE, MAY 20-21

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF A LETTER THE CHAIRMAN OF THE  
INDUSTRY COMMITTEE IS ADDRESSING TO MEMBERS OF THE  
ENLARGED BUREAU:

BEGIN TEXT - AS HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY ARRANGED THE  
NEXT MEETING OF THE ENLARGED BUREAU OF OUR COMMITTEE IS  
TO BE HELD IN PARIS AT 3 P.M. ON THURSDAY 20TH MAY AND  
CONTINUING ON THE 21ST. THE MEETING WILL BE PRECEDED  
ON THE 18TH AND 19TH BY THE SECOND MEETING OF THE JOINT  
WORKING PARTY ON TECHNOLOGY AND THE STRUCTURAL ADAPTA-  
TION OF INDUSTRY. WORKING PARTY NO.9 ON INDUSTRIAL  
STATISTICS WILL BE MEETING IN THE SAME WEEK, BEGINNING  
ON THE 17TH MAY.

IN MY VIEW THE MAJOR FOCUS OF THE BUREAU DISCUSSIONS  
SHOULD BE ON THE 1977 WORK PROGRAM IN ORDER TO FACILITA-  
TE THE DECISIONS WHICH THE COMMITTEE HAS AGREED TO  
TAKE IN JUNE. IN ADDITION THERE ARE SOME OTHER MATTERS  
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WHICH COULD USEFULLY BE DISCUSSED. I SET OUT BELOW

MY OWN SUGGESTIONS, IT BEING UNDERSTOOD, OF COURSE,  
THAT BUREAU MEMBERS MAY HAVE FURTHER SUGGESTIONS.

1. PREPARATION OF THE 1977 PROGRAM OF WORK

IT IS HOPED THAT BY THE TIME THE BUREAU MEETS THE  
SECRETARIAT PAPER SETTING OUT, IN THE LIGHT OF THE  
DISCUSSIONS AT THE LAST SESSION AND OF PROPOSALS FROM  
DELEGATIONS, SUBJECTS SUGGESTED FOR INCLUSION IN THE  
1977 PROGRAM WILL HAVE BEEN CIRCULATED. THIS PAPER IS  
TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE 30TH SESSION AND COULD USEFULLY  
SERVE AS A FRAMEWORK FOR THE BUREAU'S DELIBERATIONS.

QUESTIONS ON WHICH THE COMMITTEE WILL HAVE TO TAKE DE-  
CISIONS IN JUNE ARE SET OUT IN THE SUMMARY RECORDS OF  
THE 28TH AND 29TH SESSIONS (SEE IND/M(75)4, ITEM VI  
AND IND/M(76)1). THE BUREAU MAY WISH TO REVIEW THESE  
WITH A VIEW TO PREPARING, AS FAR AS POSSIBLE, APPRO-  
PRIATE DISCUSSION IN THE COMMITTEE. I FEEL THAT BUREAU  
MEMBERS' VIEWS WOULD BE PARTICULARLY HELPFUL WITH  
REGARD TO THE 1977 ACTIVITIES OF A SECTORAL NATURE.

2. INDUSTRIAL ASPECTS OF DEVELOPMENT CO-OPERATION  
THE SECRETARIAT, IN COOPERATION WITH THE CHAIRMAN, IS  
PREPARING A DRAFT PAPER FOR DISCUSSION AT THE 30TH  
SESSION SETTING OUT THE COMMITTEE'S VIEWS ON CERTAIN  
ASPECTS OF THE QUESTION AND ON FUTURE ACTIVITIES. I  
FEEL IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR THE BUREAU TO HAVE AN EX-  
CHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE GENERAL ORIENTATION OF THE PAPER.

3. TECHNOLOGY AND THE STRUCTURAL ADAPTATION OF  
INDUSTRY

THE COMMITTEE IN JUNE WILL HAVE TO REACH A DECISION  
ON THE WORK PROGRAM, WHICH WILL HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED  
BY THE JOINT WORKING PARTY AT ITS SECOND MEETING.  
I THINK IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR THE BUREAU TO BE INFORMED  
BY MR. SHERWIN, THE CO-CHAMAN, OF THE RESULTS OF  
THIS MEETING.

4. WORK OF OTHER PARTS OF THE ORGANIZATION  
OUR SECRETARIAT WILL BRING US UP TO DATE ON THE LATEST  
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DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ORGANIZATION ON MATTERS OF RELEVANCE  
TO THE COMMITTEE NOT ALREADY COVERED UNDER THE ABOVE  
ITEMS. IN THIS CONNECTION, IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR THE  
SECRETARIAT TO INFORM US ON CERTAIN PROJECTS OF THE  
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE AND THEIR POSSIBLE IMPLICATIONS  
FOR THE INDUSTRY COMMITTEE'S WORK.

I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THE MEETING ON THE

20TH. END TEXT

CHAIRMAN COESSENS WILL HOST A LUNCHEON FOR THE MEMBERS  
OF THE ENLARGED BUREAU ON FRIDAY, MAY 21ST.  
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